

REMARKS

Claims 7-12 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claim 7 and 9 are currently amended, and Claims 8 and 10-12 remain unchanged.

The claims stand rejected under the cited prior art of record. Specifically, Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Stein (US 1,411,813). In addition, Claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Barany (US 2,410,562).

Independent Claim 7 recites a fruit press, comprising: a centrally arranged element projecting upward from a base to a tip and having an outer surface for the pressing of fruit; an annular surface surrounding said element base; said element having ridges on said outer surface running from said base substantially to said tip; trough-like recesses formed in said outer surface between said ridges; and said trough-like recesses having a concave arcuate cross-section bowing inwardly between the corresponding ridges.

Stein discloses a fruit juice extractor comprising a cone (B) having spaced ribs (b') which may extend downwardly over the surface of the cone, either in straight or curved formation. As shown in Fig. 2, the ribs of Stein bow outwardly as a rounded hump having a convex form.

Stein does not disclose, among other things, trough-like recesses having a concave arcuate cross-section bowing inwardly between the corresponding ridges, as recited in Claim 7. Rather, Stein discloses outwardly bowing ribs forming a convex shape. Therefore, Stein does not disclose all the elements recited in Claim 7.

For these and other reasons, Stein does not disclose the subject matter defined by independent Claim 7. Therefore, Claim 7 is allowable. Claims 8-12 depend from Claim 7 and are allowable for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

Barany discloses a fruit juice extractor comprising a head (13) having spiral ribs (18). The head (13) includes a conical hollow interior (15), and a plunger (7) is connected near the top of the head at a recess (17). The plunger (7) is connected to a base (1) with a spiral tongue and groove connection (8) that causes the head (14) and receptacle (14) to rotate as they are pressed downwardly.

Barany does not disclose, among other things, trough-like recesses having a concave arcuate cross-section bowing inwardly between the corresponding ridges, as recited in Claim 7. Rather, Barany discloses outwardly bowing ribs (18) forming a convex shape. As shown in Fig. 1, the ribs (18) bow outwardly from an inner groove to an outer point to form a convex shape. Therefore, Barany does not disclose all the elements recited in Claim 7.

For these and other reasons, Barany does not disclose the subject matter defined by independent Claim 7. Therefore, Claim 7 is allowable. Claims 8-12 depend from Claim 7 and are allowable for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter, as described below.

Claim 9 depends from Claim 7 and further recites that the centrally arranged element is formed substantially hollow inside with an outer wall having the outer surface and includes a hollow central shaft extending through the substantially hollow inside of the element with an outer wall and an inner wall adapted to fit onto a drive shaft for the press.

Barany does not disclose, among other things, a hollow central shaft extending through the substantially hollow inside of the element with an outer wall and an inner wall adapted to fit onto a drive shaft for the press. In Barany, the plunger (7) is connected to the head (13) in a recess (17). However, the recess (17) does not extend through the interior (15) of the head (13). Therefore, Barany does not disclose all the elements recited in Claim 9.

For these and other reasons, Barany does not disclose the subject matter defined by Claim 9. Therefore, Claim 9 is allowable. Claims 10-12 depend from Claim 9 and are allowable for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter, as described below.

Claim 10 depends from Claims 7 and 9 and further recites that the centrally arranged element has reinforcing walls formed between the hollow central shaft outer wall and the element outer wall.

Barany does not disclose, among other things, reinforcing walls formed between the hollow central shaft outer wall and the element outer wall. As described above, Barany does not disclose a hollow central shaft extending through the substantially

hollow inside of the element, as recited in Claim 9. Furthermore, Barany does disclose reinforcing walls formed between the hollow central shaft and the outer wall of the element. Therefore, Barany does not disclose all the elements recited in Claim 9.

For these and other reasons, Barany does not disclose the subject matter defined by Claim 10. Therefore, Claim 10 is allowable. Claims 11-12 depend from Claim 10 and are allowable for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter, as described below.

Claim 11 depends from Claims 7, 9 and 10 and further recites that the hollow central shaft is formed with an angular cross-section outer wall.

Barany does not disclose, among other things, the hollow central shaft formed with an angular cross-section outer wall. As described above, Barany does not disclose a hollow central shaft extending through the substantially hollow inside of the element, as recited in Claim 9. Furthermore, Barany does not disclose the hollow central shaft having an angular cross-section outer wall. Therefore, Barany does not disclose all the elements recited in Claim 11.

For these and other reasons, Barany does not disclose the subject matter defined by Claim 11. Therefore, Claim 11 is allowable. Claim 12 depends from Claim 11 and is allowable for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter, as described below.

Claim 12 depends from Claims 7 and 9-11 and further recites that the reinforcing walls join the hollow central shaft outer wall substantially perpendicular.

Barany does not disclose, among other things, the reinforcing walls join the hollow central shaft outer wall substantially perpendicular. As described above, Barany does not disclose a hollow central shaft extending through the substantially hollow inside of the element, as recited in Claim 9, and reinforcing walls formed between the hollow central shaft outer wall and the element outer wall, as recited in Claim 10. Furthermore, Barany does not disclose the reinforcing walls joining the hollow central shaft substantially perpendicularly. Therefore, Barany does not disclose all the elements recited in Claim 12.

For these and other reasons, Barany does not disclose the subject matter defined by Claim 12. Therefore, Claim 12 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 7-12 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. Please note that the enclosed Supplemental Application Data sheet has been corrected to provide additional attorney contacts.

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